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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicants: | Shubhendu S. Mukherjee et al. | § | Confirmation No.: | 2964 |
| Serial No.: | 09/652,322 | § | Group Art Unit: | 2141 |
| Filed: | 08/31/2000 | § | Examiner: | Q. N. Nguyen |
| For: | Priority Rules For Reducing Network Message Routing Latency | § | Docket No.: | 200301777-1 |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 22, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 PO Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 27, 2004

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective December 29, 1999

Application or Docket Number

09/652322

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| BASIC FEE | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 74 | minus 20 = 4 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 4 | minus 3 = 1 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT | | |

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE OTHER THAN
OR SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | FEES | RATE | FEES |
|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| | 345.00 | | 690.00 |
| X\$ 9 = | | | |
| | | X\$18 = | 72 |
| X39 = | | X78 = | 78 |
| | | +260 = | |
| +130 = | | | |
| | | | |
| TOTAL | | OR TOTAL | 840 |

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT A | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | | |
|--|---|---|------------------|-------|---|
| | | | | MINUS | = |
| Total | 47 | Minus | 46 | = | 1 |
| Independent | 5 | Minus | 5 | = | 0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | |

SMALL ENTITY
OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE | RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9 = | | X\$18 = | 18 |
| X39 = | X | X78 = | |
| | | +260 = | |
| +130 = | | | |
| | | | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | 18 |

| AMENDMENT B | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | | |
|--|---|---|------------------|-------|---|
| | | | | MINUS | = |
| Total | | Minus | .. | = | |
| Independent | | Minus | ... | = | |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE | RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9 = | | X\$18 = | |
| X39 = | | X78 = | |
| | | +260 = | |
| +130 = | | | |
| | | | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | |

| AMENDMENT C | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | | |
|--|---|---|------------------|-------|---|
| | | | | MINUS | = |
| Total | | Minus | .. | = | |
| Independent | | Minus | ... | = | |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE | RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9 = | | X\$18 = | |
| X39 = | | X78 = | |
| | | +260 = | |
| +130 = | | | |
| | | | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | |

- * If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
- The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.